GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:344
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BEAUTIFICATION OF YAMUNA RIVER
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any project to clean and beautify the Yamuna River;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated cost of the said project and the ratio of cost sharing between the Union Government and the State Government for the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.344 FOR 7.9.2007 REGARDING BEAUTIFICATION OF YAMUNA RIVER.

Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India has drawn up Yamuna Action Plan Phase-II (YAP-II) and projects under YAP-II in Delhi are being implemented by Delhi Jal Board (DJB) and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) under Japanese Board of International Cooperation funding. The cost sharing between Union Government and the State Government for YAP-II projects is in the ratio of 85:15.

The concept of interceptor sewer has been evolved by Delhi Jal Board to clean and arrest pollution in Yamuna River. This has the following broad features:-

a) Laying of interceptor sewers along three major drains of Irrigation & Flood Control Department (i.e. Najafgarh, Supplementary and Shahdara) to divert the sewage to the nearest Sewage Treatment Plant for cleaning.

b) Augmentation of the existing capacity of Sewage treatment plants at the mouth of Delhi Gate drain and Dr. Sen Nursing Home Drain from 2.2. MGD to 17.2 and 12.20 MGD respectively.

c) Intercepting 13 small drains into Bela Road and Ring Road Trunk Sewer after rehabilitation.

d) Construction of additional Sewerage Treatment Plants after utilization of full capacity of existing plants.

This concept will take care of the 18 drains emptying into the 22 Km of the most polluted stretch of river Yamuna. After commissioning of the project, only treated effluent will flow into drains and finally Yamuna River. The tentative cost of the entire project is around Rs.2000 crore and will take about 4 years to complete. The work is being awarded to M/s Engineering India Limited for entire project management. As on date, there is no proposal of sharing of the cost with Union Government. However, the concept has already been presented to the Planning Commission.

To beautify the area along Western Yamuna Bank, Delhi Development Authority has designed Yamuna Bio-diversity Park and Golden Jubilee Park which are under development. The estimated cost of Yamuna Bio diversity Park is Rs.1869.37 lac and development of Yamuna river front is Rs.1959 lac.

A High Powered Committee for Yamuna River Development Chaired by Lt. Governor, National Capital Territory of Delhi has also been constituted.